

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

March 3, 2005

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Casperson requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun and Gillard.

Absent: Representative Espinoza.

Representative Baxter moved, supported by **Representative Nitz**, to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Espinoza.

Representative Hildenbrand moved, supported by **Representative Garfield**, to approve the minutes of the **February 24, 2005** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair proceeded with the business of the committee by introducing **Rodney Stokes, Legislative Liaison** for the **Department of Natural Resources**.

Mr. Stokes introduced **Plainwell DNR District Officer, Mr. Jim Dexter**.

Officer Dexter, gave an overview of the **Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division** and brief discussion of the predatory nature of the **Double-breasted Cormorant and Goby**. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair introduced retired DNR fisheries biologist **Mr. Jerome Peterson**, who gave an in depth review of the predatory **Cormorant and Goby**. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:35 a.m.**

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
March 3, 2005
1 hour 5 minutes

Date Approved and Signed